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WUSD: schools have made 'huge' gains in testing

West Sacramento's school district is boasting "huge" gains in local students' test scores.

Results of the 2002-2003 Academic Performance Index (API) released by Washington Unified School District show test score improvement at all ten main local campuses, with each one exceeding the point gain goals set for it by state regulators.

Biggest improvement came from Evergreen Elementary School, whose score jumped 78 points to 692 this year. Elkhorn Elementary gained 51 points, to a new API score of 627, and River City High School saw its scores increase by 67 points to 638 points.

The highest scoring campuses in the district are Bridgeway Island Elementary, 780; Westmore Oaks Elementary, 779; and Southport Elementary, 774.

Lowest-scorers are Westfield Elementary, 565; and River City High, 638.

River City's growth, though, ranked it first for growth in the region among high schools.

"We are proud of all of our schools," said Superintendent Patrick Campbell. "This is proof that the instructional improvements started five years ago are starting to reap huge dividends."

Port & city: partners?

The top managers of the City of West Sacramento and the Port of Sacramento have prepared a report asking their elected and appointed bosses to move into something of a "joint venture" to help better mesh the future of the port's development with the goals of the host city, West Sacramento.

The report comes from Port Director John Sulpizio and City Manager Toby Ross, who will ask the West Sacramento City Council tonight to approve hiring a consultant to tell both parties more about what future land uses at the industrial facility might look like. The port and city would equally fund the consultant's work, with surrounding governments invited to participate as well.

The consultant would be asked to analyze "how... markets dictate need and use of the Port and how much land will be necessary to meet the needs of those (maritime) markets," as well as how to use non-shipping related land at the port for purposes "consistent with the City's redevelopment goals."

The two entities are run by independent local governments. The new move towards a joint planning effort follows a troubled relationship between them, as well as an anti-industrial ballot initiative in the city that had targeted port development plans, and a report by the port's "Kelso Commission" advising the port's governing board to work closer with surrounding neighborhoods.

Fearful of tax cut —

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A campaign promise by governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger has California counties and cities worried.

The soon-to-be governor has promised to repeal an increase in state vehicle license fees, at a time when the California government is strapped for cash. And this tax rollback could mean that local governments lose millions.

West Sacramento's city council will be asked tonight to support a statewide ballot initiative that would prohibit the state from taking away tax funds from counties and states without the voters' express approval.

"Like all other cities, we're on pins and needles waiting to see how Governor Schwarzenegger will implement a VLF (vehicle license fee) cut," said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon yesterday. "There are a lot of questions about that would affect funding for cities – the burden would fall totally on cities and counties. We're talking about millions of dollars locally, in this city and Yolo County."

West Sacramento would feel this pinch, he added.

"The vast majority of these funds are used for safety services," Cabaldon stated. "It would be a pretty big hit for us."

Cutting the funding available for such services as fire and police would have far-reaching effects on local cities, counties and the state, he added.

"We in West Sacramento sent a fire crew down to the fires in Southern California," commented Cabaldon. "We hope to get reimbursed for that, but if the VLF cuts occur, the capacity of us all over California to provide these crews would be severely limited."

The initiative, called the "Local Taxpayer and Public Safety Protection Act," is backed by the California League of Cities.

New owner at Third St. building

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A landmark West Sacramento building has changed hands, and could change both its tenants and its appearance in the near future.

Rancho Cordova's D&S Development, Inc. has bought the circa-1923 Reuter building on Third Street from its former owner, a Whittier man. The brick-faced property includes three houses and four storefronts, along with an apartment. Several tenants told the News-Ledger that rents are expected to go up as the building is remodeled.

D&S principal Dave Miry told the News-Ledger yesterday it is too early to talk specifics about the company's plans for the Reuter building – the building is still being evaluated and inspected.

Julia Harrington, proprietor of the Golden Poppy costume rental company and retailer in the building, said she currently occupies an apartment on site as well, but will be looking to move both her home and business due to higher rents with the new owners. She said the new rents were not unreasonable, except for the poor business location.

"There is no way I can do enough business on this site to support the rent being doubled," said Harrington. "I had to call the police five times last week – there are drug dealers, prostitutes and alcoholics. Sometimes customers are afraid to get out of the car when they get here."

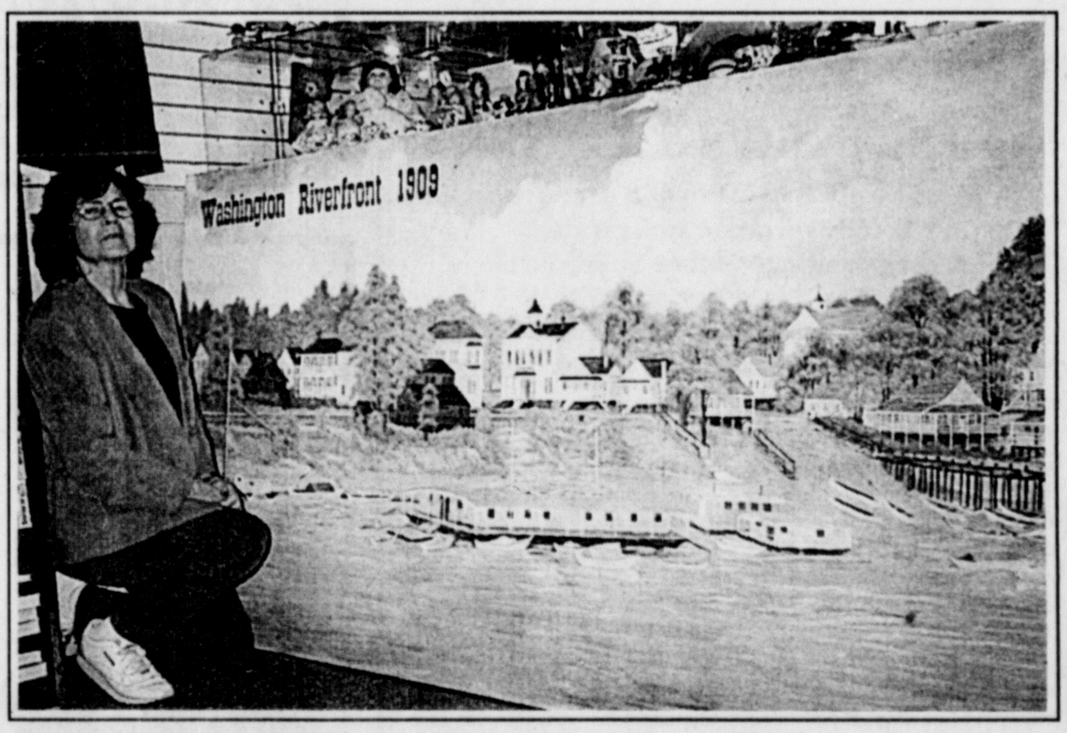
Other current tenants include a convenience store, a sail design shop and a barber shop – which is already relocating.

Harrington said she is finding that rents in other parts of West Sacramento are also higher than what she had been paying before on Third Street – but said it might be possible for her shop to support those rents at a better business location.



ABOVE: The REUTER BUILDING on the 300-block of Third Street as been a familiar facade in the 'Washington' neighborhood for 80 years. It appears headed for a remodel under new ownership.

BELOW: 'Golden Poppy' owner Julia Harrington used to display a Marlene Hoffman mural of the old Washington riverfront, circa 1909, above her store's front door. Management asked her to take it down, and it's now for sale (Interested? Call her at 371-0901.) News-Ledger photos.



Digging a Nugget

Local officials and businesspeople broke ground for West Sacramento's new Nugget supermarket on Oct. 30 near Linden Road and Jefferson Blvd. The Woodland-based, privately owned market chain will provide the anchor for the new "Southport Town Center," and is expected to open by July.

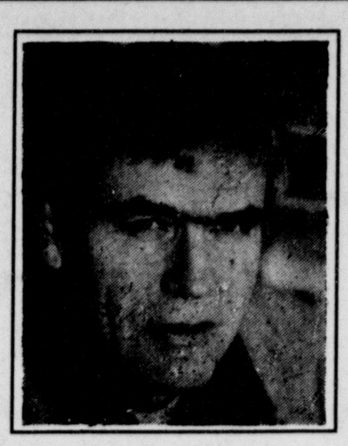
Pictured, left to right, are David Stroud, vice president of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce; Mark Montemayor, city council member; Bryan Turner of the West Sacramento Land Company, co-developer of the town center; William Kristoff, city council member; Eric Stille and Gene Stille, president and chairman of Nugget; Mark Engstrom of Sycamore Partners and Oscar Villegas, mayor pro tem.

Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento



So, have your children got the 'slob' gene?

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Note: Daryl is on vacation in Southern California this week. Below is one of his favorite columns from the past.

I was thumbing through the newspaper the other evening when I came across a Scripps Howard News Service story entitled 'It's a jungle in there: Trials of parenting a teenager'.

On closer examination, I realized the article was about Kate Kelly's new book, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Parenting a Teenager*. Since a friend of mine had recommended Ms. Kelly's book to me a few months earlier, I decided to read on.

According to Ms. Kelly, if you really want to feel like a fool, all you have to do is try raising a teenager. "Teens are absolutely sure they know everything and that their parents know nothing," explains Ms. Kelly. "My book isn't all psychological, though. It's to help parents regain control of the telephone, set up a system that will help teach a teen how to handle money, and establish guidelines for neat and clean rooms."

I started to laugh and my wife, who was seated next to me, asked why.

"Oh, it's just that some poor misguided soul has written a book which claims to be able to help parents teach their kids how to clean up their rooms."

"Really?" asked my wife with interest.

"Yeah, there's a whole list of things we're supposed to be doing."

"Like what?"

"Well, to begin with, parents apparently need to set a `neatness standard'. It says here that kids should be required to do the following things at least once a week: change the sheets on the bed; put their laundry in the hamper; put their clothes away; empty the wastebasket; and clear off and vacuum the floor. We're also not supposed to be letting them eat in their rooms or get away with not making their beds."

Now it was my wife who was laughing.

"Well, I want to wish any parent who tries to do all that the best of luck," she said as she got up from her seat and wandered off in search of a more realistic conversation.

Anyway, as someone who has helped raise four children (most of whom are mercifully almost done with their teenage years) I'm more or less convinced that all kids everywhere are either born with, or without, a 'slob gene'. I'm also pretty sure it's one of those shared genes (unlike male-pattern baldness for instance, which is supposedly passed along just by women) because it's been my experience that there are just as many female slobs out there as there are male slobs.

Thankfully, in my particular case, only 50 percent of my children have inherited the dreaded slob gene. At first, I was rather hopeful that at least one, and maybe even both of them, might outgrow it, but as the years have passed, I have come to accept the fact that they truly enjoy being slobs, and that I might do irreparable damage to their personalities and self-esteem if I try too hard to change them.

Now, for those of you who might be wondering if your child has inherited the slob gene, it's really quite easy to recognize. Signs appear very early, usually beginning with a complete indifference to potty-training and the shoving of baby food into every nook and cranny of their body. Then you'll notice that you're always tripping over their toys, especially the ones which are made out of metal-like materials capable of instantaneously shooting excruciating pain from your big toe to your brain. That will be followed by their clothes becoming soiled five minutes after they put them on, and the rather remarkable ability to somehow make themselves smell just like a dead fish. Finally, as the years go on, you will find yourself constantly having conversations like this:

"Go clean up your room."

"I'll do it later."

"Do it now."

"But why can't I do it later?"

"Because it's filthy now."

"I tell you what, I'll clean it up tonight, after I finish my homework."

"No, you'll clean it up now, before the catsup from your McDonald's fries dries on the bedspread."

"But I'll do a much better job if I do it tonight."

"Why is that?"

"Because I clean better at night. There's not so many distractions."

"That's a new one."

"Plus my room is not really dirty now. There's only a few things that need to be picked up."

"I happen to know for a fact that every article of clothing you own is presently on your floor. Tell me, what can be so hard about putting your dirty clothes in the hamper and your clean ones in a drawer or on a hanger?"

"I never have time. I'm too busy."

"It takes what, one second?"

"Look, I'll clean my whole room tonight, I promise. I'll even vacuum and take all the dirty dishes back into the kitchen."

"The rats will be sad to hear that."

"Very funny."

"Tell me, honestly, how can you stand to live in such filth?"

"What are you talking about? My room is not filthy. It's not even really dirty. It's just a little messy, that's all. You don't want me to end up being a clean freak like Mom, do you?"

"Yes!"

"Well, it's my room and I ought to be able to have it the way I want it."

"But your room is also part of my house -- and it's the most disgusting part!"

"It is not!"

"You're a slob, you know that, don't you?"

"Well, grandma says you were one when you were my age, too, so if I am a slob, I got it from you!"

And finally, a few bumper stickers you may not have seen yet:

Hang up and drive!; Your ridiculous little opinion has been noted; Jesus loves you, but everyone else thinks you are an ass; Wanted, a meaningful overnight relationship; If you're close enough to read this, I can slam on my brakes and sue you.

Obituary

Robert Spiller

Robert Spiller passed away at home in West Sacramento on November 4, 2003. He was the beloved son of the late Juanita and Bill Spiller; the dear brother of Gale (Henry) Kelly, William Kjel-Justin, Debra (Michael) Fricano, Laurie (Brad) Carriker, and Elizabeth (John) Egolf; and the loving uncle of Katherine, Jacob, Amber, Anthony, Steven, Michael, Mathew, Amanda and Andrew.

Robert was a lifelong resident of West Sacramento and 35-years old. Memorial Services were held on November 8, 2003 in the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. Memorials are preferred to your local SPCA.

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• On **Nov. 21, 1783,** French physician Jean-Francois Pilatre de Rozier and Francois Laurent, the marquis d' Arlandes, make the first untethered hot-air balloon flight, flying 5.5 miles over Paris in about 25 minutes.

• On **Nov. 17, 1839,** Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi's first opera, "Oberto, conte di San Bonifacio," debuts in Milan at La Scala, Italy's most prestigious theater. Verdi would go on to compose such classic operas as "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore," "La Traviata," "Aida" and "Otello."

• On **Nov. 23, 1859,** the infamous Western outlaw known as "Billy the Kid" is born in a poor Irish neighborhood on New York City's East Side. Before he was shot dead at age 21, Billy reputedly killed 27 people in the American West.

• On **Nov. 20, 1945,** 24 high-ranking Nazis go on trial in Nuremberg, Germany, for atrocities committed during World War II. It was the first trial of its kind in history, and the defendants faced charges ranging from crimes against peace, to crimes of war, to crimes against humanity.

• On **Nov. 22, 1963,** John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, is assassinated while traveling through Dallas in an open-top convertible. Vice President Lyndon Johnson, who was three cars behind the president, was sworn in as the 36th president of the United States just hours later aboard Air Force One.

• On **Nov. 19, 1969,** Brazilian soccer great Pele scores his 1,000th professional goal, in a game against Vasco da Gama in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium. It was a major milestone in an illustrious career that included three World Cup championships.

• On **Nov. 18, 1978,** People's Temple leader Jim Jones leads hundreds of his followers in a mass murder-suicide at their agricultural commune in remote northwestern Guyana. The final death toll was 913, including 276 children.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the Manhattan Project launched to build?
2. LAW: What was the subject of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
3. MUSIC: What instrument was rock star Jimi Hendrix best known for playing?
4. BIBLE: What was the original name of the Apostle Paul?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where was the eastern end of the Oregon Trail?
6. MOVIES: When was Clint Eastwood's movie "Unforgiven" released?
7. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Peyton Place"?
8. HISTORY: When was the Great Fire of Rome?
9. LANGUAGE: What is a privet?
10. FOOD: What is the spice paprika made from?

Answers

1. Atomic bombs
2. Prohibition
3. Lead guitar
4. Saul
5. Missouri
6. 1992
7. Grace Metalious
8. 64 A.D.
9. A shrub
10. Sweet pepper

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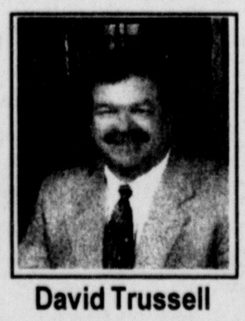
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Jim and Barbara ask:

'We are looking at adjustable rate mortgages, are these good loans, or will we have a huge payment increase in the future?'



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David Trussell

Yes, these are good loans, and yes, they have a probability to increase. Adjustable rate mortgages are popular again -- for good reason. The start rates are incredibly low! Some advice when looking into Adjustables:

First find out what the "margin" is. The margin is profit for the lender. It is fixed for the life of the loan and can never be changed. If the margin exceeds 3.5%, look elsewhere. Secondly, look at the "Index." The index is a measuring device to determine the borrower's payment on adjustment dates. There are some traditional indexes -- the 11th district cost of funds (COFI), the 6 month and 1 year treasury bill, Certificate's of Deposits (CDs), and many more. Some are better, some worse.

All ARMs must be tied to some kind of index outside the lender's control. You add the margin plus the index and that becomes your payment (fully indexed rate, or FIR). There are safeguards to ensure that your payment won't go through the roof, and these are called CAPs. This ensures that your payment can only increase a certain percentage per year, and cannot exceed a certain interest rate ever. Usually the "lifetime" CAP tends to be no more than 5-6% above the start rate. So when shopping for adjustable rate mortgage, keep in mind the margin you have, and you usually can pick the index you want. Get a ten-year average of the index to show how the trend of that index is, so that you can potentially predict what your payment could be in the best of times and the worse of times.

Historically, the fully indexed rate tends to be about .25 to .375 below a fixed rate in any given market. Also, it's important to note that your payment on an adjustable rate mortgage is based on the principle loan amount each month. So as the principle loan amount decreases so can your payment, even if your fully indexed rate increases. HUMMM?!

For a more thorough explanation of how adjustable work and if they are right for you, call me anytime and we will discuss your options.

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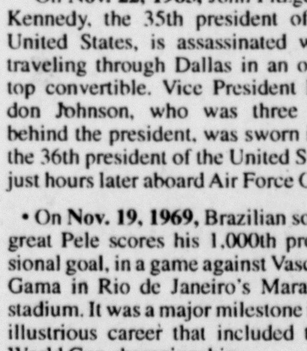
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SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

NFL Action

The Oakland Raiders (2-7) slumped deeper into the bottom of the black hole last Sunday with their 27-24 overtime loss to the New York Jets (3-6). The Jets came from behind to score two touchdowns in the final minutes of the fourth quarter following a Tyrone Wheatley fumble. Wheatley fumbled the Raiders season away while trying to dive into the end zone for a game winning touchdown that would have made the score 28-10 in favor of the Silver and Black. This time it was the Raiders defense that let the team down after failing to stop the Jets offense in the final minutes of the game and in overtime.

This week, the Raiders will entertain the Minnesota Vikings (6-3), who are not in a good mood after losing three in row. The schedule gets even harder after next week with a game at Kansas City followed by a home game with the Broncos Thanksgiving weekend. The final four games are against the Steelers, Ravens, Packers and finishes with a battle for last place in San Diego.

On a positive note, Raider quarterback Rick Mirer did a great job of directing the attack completing 18 of 25 passes for 186 yards and one touchdown. The Raiders used a ground game that made the day easier for Mirer. Wheatley, Fargas, Crockett and Garner combined for 169 yards rushing. The bad news for local Raiders fans is that the game next week against the Vikings is not sold out! Yes, another Silver and Blackout for Sacramento!

The 49ers (4-5) return to action next week to host the Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday night. The Niners picked up ground on a few of the NFC playoffs teams after Tampa Bay, Seattle, Green Bay and the New York Giants lost. The 49ers needed the rest to heal the walking wounded. Jeff Garcia has not recovered from a bad ankle sprain so Tim Rattay will start at quarterback on Monday. The injury list includes safety Zack Bronson, linebacker, Jeff Ulbrich, tackle Travis Kirschke, guard Eric Heitmann, and safety Ronnie Heard.

In week 11, I like the Bills (-7) to chill the Texans in the cold weather of Buffalo while Broncos (-6) do the same to the warm weather San Diego Chargers. In the late ESPN game on Sunday (5:30p.m.) the Patriots (-4) will do the same to Bill Parcel and his Cowboys and on Monday night the 49ers (-5 ½) will take care of the Steelers at Candlestick Park.

Kings Korner

What is going on in the River City? The Kings (3-3) lost two games on their short east coast trip but the talk of the town is regarding the Kings moving to Disneyland? The Maloofs are saying that the Kings are staying put in Sacramento but rumor has them very interested in buying the NHL Anaheim Ducks. Stay tuned to the drama of the new stadium issue!

Now back to basketball as the Kings return this week to host the Detroit Pistons (5-1) on Veterans Day. The Purple, Silver and Black beat Minnesota on the road but lost to the likes of the New York Knicks and Boston Celtics. The season is young and even the loaded up Lakers lost two games in row on the road so don't worry, be happy!

The Kings sure could use another player to strengthen their rebounding and defense in the fourth quarter, maybe somebody like Chris Webber. Webber has been cleared to start one-on-one basketball rehab but he is still four to six weeks away from NBA action.

The Kings' newly acquired center, Brad Miller, continues to impress with game highs of 19 points and 16 rebounds in 39 minutes against the Celtics. Too bad the rest of the team was standing around enjoying his game instead of jumping in to help.

After the Tuesday night game against the Pistons the Kings will travel to Portland (7 p.m.-TNT) on Thursday night and return home for another back-to-back game on Friday (7 p.m.) against Toronto and Golden State on Sunday (6 p.m.-ch.10).

Boxing News

Undefeated Sacramento middleweight, Eric Regan, will be featured in the main event on the November 28th fight card at the Radisson Hotel. Two other local fights; Gerardo Ramirez and Gilbert Zaragosa will make their debuts on Don Chargin fight card. Tickets are priced at $25, $35 and $50 can be purchased at the Radisson gift shop.

West Sacramento's Willie Jorrin suffered an upset loss last week in Phoenix to Cristian Favela (19-6-3, 10 KO's). Jorrin (29-2-1, 14 KO's), who weighed 129 ½, blamed the defeat on insufficient training and a long layoff between fights. Jorrin, who has tentatively agreed to fight on February 7th in Las Vegas, plans to ask for a rematch against Favela.

See ya next week!

Game effort for Raider varsity

By Troy Turner

The River City Raiders gave the Foothill Mustangs all they could handle last week, but the Raiders came up short, 34-21.

The Mustangs came into the contest rated the number-five team in the Sacramento Valley. The Raiders had not played very well in recent weeks, but were not intimidated by the Mustangs. River City again got regional exposure as Channel 3 made this contest the game of the week in high school football.

Foothill scored first to take the early 6-0 lead. The Raiders surprised everyone by using Jason Demars, the 305-lb. lineman, as a running back. The gamble paid off, as Demars plowed his way to a touchdown from one yard out, to tie the score 6-6. The Raiders then scored two points on a fake extra-point attempt, as Aaron Garner completed a pass to Cameron Hughes, making the score 8-6 in favor of River City.

Late in the quarter, Foothill scored again, and led 12-8 going into the second quarter.

Then Foothill increased its lead to 18-8. As the third quarter started, Mario Cardenas of RCHS recovered a Foothill fumble. Aaron Garner and Jeff Hope connected on a 50-yard screen pass play, putting the Raiders in scoring position.

Several plays later, Garner found paydirt. Kevin Cheechov added the extra point, bringing the score to 18-15 in favor of the Mustangs.

Near the end of the quarter, Foothill scored again, and led 26-15 as the fourth quarter started.

But the Raiders did not give up. Aaron Garner scored again on a running play with seven minutes left, cutting the Mustang lead to 26-21.

The Raiders had one last chance, but could not take advantage, giving the victory to the Mustangs.

The Raiders will travel to Mira Loma next week to finish off the season.

The junior varsity football squad won their game last week, 29-6. Darrin Bandhu caught two touchdown passes from Tim Avelos. William Sagadin and Johnny Arrizon added running touchdowns in the victory.

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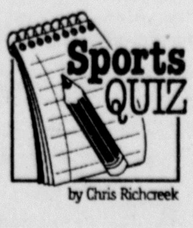
top 10 movies

1. **Scary Movie 3** .....(PG-13)
Anna Faris, Charlie Sheen
2. **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** .....(R)
Jessica Biel, Eric Balfour
3. **Radio** .....(PG)
Cuba Gooding Jr. Ed Harris
4. **Runaway Jury** .....(PG-13)
John Cusack, Gene Hackman
5. **Mystic River** .....(R)
Laura Linney, Sean Penn
6. **School of Rock** .....(PG-13)
Jack Black, Joan Cusack
7. **Kill Bill: Vol. 1** .....(R)
Uma Thurman, David Carradine
8. **Good Boy!** .....(PG)
Liam Aiken, Matthew Broderick
9. **Intolerable Cruelty** .....(PG-13)
George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones
10. **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13)
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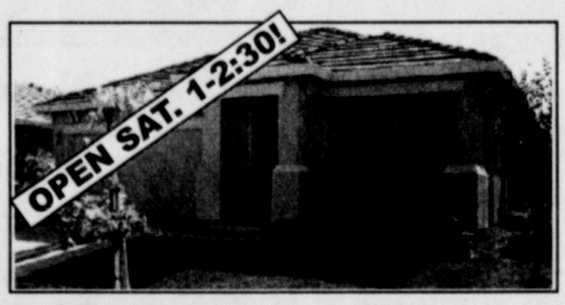
1. Which player led the American League in RBIs (118) in 1963 but was known as "Dr. Strangeglove"?
2. Who is the oldest player to have led the American League in batting average for a season?
3. Name the last Ohio State Buckeye football player before safety Michael Doss in 2000-02 to be a three-time All-American.
4. How many consecutive NBA playoff series did Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson win before losing in the 2003 playoffs?
5. Six players have won a Stanley Cup with three different teams. Name them.
6. How old was the youngest winner of the Indianapolis 500?
7. True or false: Stefan Edberg is in the International Tennis Hall of Fame, but fellow Swede Mats Wilander is not.

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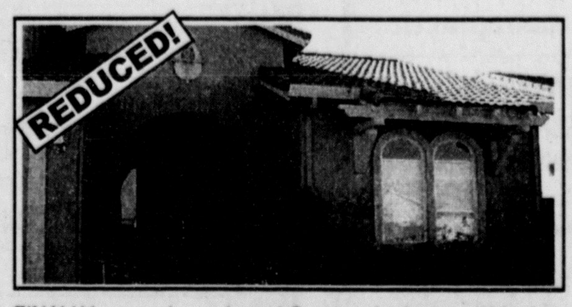
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PENDING!

'Across the Bridge'

Events around the region

Sacto history society

The Sacramento County Historical Society will meet on November 20th at 7 p.m. at 551 Sequoia-Pacific Boulevard (off Richards -- east of I5). The program is entitled "The History of Rancho Del Paso from Mexican Land Grants to Suburban Metropolis". Call 485-7723 for more information.

American Indian awareness

Western Shoeshone Spiritual Elder Corbin Harney will share his experiences gathered while walking lightly upon the earth on November 17th at 12 p.m. at the Sacramento City College auditorium, 3835 Freeport Boulevard. He is working towards bringing awareness that "we only have one air, one water, one mother earth."

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots will be at the Sacramento Zoo from November 28th to December 21st. Bring one new, unwrapped toy and receive free admission to the zoo for one child. The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holidays at Gov's Mansion

This year celebrate the holidays by visiting the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park. On the weekends of December 6-7 and 13-14, enjoy live holiday music, take a photo with Santa, and docents will also be on hand to answer your questions. The park is located at the corner of 16th and H Street in downtown Sacramento. For admission prices and more information, call 323-3047.

Genealogical association meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on November 19th at the Belle Colledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program will be "Researching in Newspapers." Visitor and new members are welcome. For more information, call 682-8004.

Pastel Society meets

The Pastel Society of the West Coast will hold their 12th Bi-Annual Associate Membership Show November 4-29 at Gallery One, 291 Auburn-Folsom Road in Auburn. For gallery hours and more information, call Joan at 985-6023.

Opera performance

Sacramento Opera presents "Hansel and Gretel" by Englebert Humperdinck on November 21, 23 and 25 at the Community Center Theater, 13th and L streets in Sacramento. Tickets range from $25 to $97. For more information, call the Community Center Theater box office at 264-5181.

Folsom history exhibit

The Folsom History Museum newest exhibit, "Main Street USA; Shopkeepers from the Past", will be on display through February 22, 2004. The museum is located at 823 Sutter Street and is open Wed-Sun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $2.

1/4 mile dirt oval racing

It was 23 years ago when the last checkered flag fell at West Capitol Speedway where the racing was always fast, furious, and side-by-side. The tradition continues, however, with Sacramento Raceway hosting dirt oval racing on the following dates: November 15 and November 29. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and the first race is a 7 p.m. General admission is $10, pit passes are $25, and race entry is $35. Sacramento Raceway is located at 5303 Excelsior Road in Sacramento. Call 366-7368 for more information.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in November at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

A Sporting View by Chris Richcreek

Heart and Soul

There's a certain successful glow around baseball this off-season, one that stems from a much-watched playoff campaign, including the two very popular League Championship Series.

Even though the Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs failed to reach the World Series, it was still an exciting postseason for baseball.

Which makes the Montreal Expos situation stink even more.

Beyond baseball's glow is the blight that represents the way baseball is mishandling the Expos. The only thing making it even remotely palatable is that, like most residents in Montreal, most people don't care.

Here is a team that is morphing into a farm club for other major-league franchises — after all, the Expos are being run by Major League Baseball until a buyer is secured. That means the other 29 teams have a role in setting Montreal's payroll and could force the Expos to move top players through cutting how much the team can spend. Similar constraints led the Expos to trade ace pitcher Bartolo Colon before this season.

Under skipper Frank Robinson, the Expos have remained competitive, with a record of 83-79 in each of the past two seasons. But how long can it last when hurdles continue to appear?

Here's a team that played 22 "home" games in Puerto Rico this year as part of an "experiment." Here's a team whose home attendance, including the Puerto Rico games, was less than 13,000 per game. Here's a team that knows it could soon lose star slugger Vladimir Guerrero, among others, because it likely cannot afford to re-sign him.

If Guerrero ends up with the New York Yankees, it will provide a lovely picture of the rich getting richer while picking a defenseless team's bones.

As of this writing, baseball and the Expos players were negotiating about playing more "home" games in Puerto Rico in 2004. The players were seeking payroll assurances and confirmation that 2004 would be the last year of temporary solutions. Even if a deal is reached that satisfies both sides, it can't change what has happened to the Expos since baseball started running the team in early 2002.

And what of a potential new home for the Expos? The process of securing a buyer has been a slow one. And sure, a city would be excited to get a major-league franchise, but if the team is stripped of quality players, it will be no better than an expansion outfit.

It's hard to see the true heart of baseball these days, due to the glow. But if you dig deep, you will see the Expos exposed, and that provides a good glimpse into baseball's soul.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno



KIDS WILL GO NUTS FOR THESE GREEN BEANS

Have plenty of these green beans on the table, because there will be calls for seconds, even from the little ones. Limp vegetables are unappealing, but these beans are merely blanched and briefly stir-fried, and given added crunch with toasted almonds stirred into a creamy, gingery wasabi mayonnaise sauce.

And don't plan on calling your Tex-Mex take-out place when you're in the mood for tacos. Make your own and know you're getting the best. No big deal: Massage flank steak with a suitable rub and slap it onto the grill or into the broiler. When done to your taste, let it sit 10 minutes, slice it, arrange it on tortillas, top it with a citrus chipotle sauce and, olé.

GREEN BEANS WITH WASABI ALMOND CREAM

- *1 1/2 pounds green beans, trimmed and washed*
- *1 cup French's GourMayo Wasabi Horseradish mayonnaise*
- *3 tablespoons lemon juice*
- *2 tablespoons light soy sauce*
- *1 tablespoon grated peeled ginger*
- *1 tablespoon minced green onion (scallion)*
- *1 tablespoon Asian sesame oil*
- *1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper, optional*
- *1 cup toasted sliced almonds*
- *Salt to taste*

Drop green beans into boiling salted water. Cook 2 to 3 minutes. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain again thoroughly; set aside.

In medium bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, soy sauce, ginger and green onion; set aside.

Heat oil in wok or large skillet until hot. Add beans and red pepper. Stir-fry 3 to 5 minutes or until beans are lightly browned and fork-tender. Season to taste with salt. Just before serving, stir almonds into mayonnaise mixture. Serve beans with Wasabi Almond Cream. Makes 6 servings.

STEAK TACOS WITH CITRUS CHIPOTLE SAUCE

- *1/2 cup GourMayo Chipotle Chili mayonnaise*
- *1/2 cup sour cream*
- *2 tablespoons lime juice*
- *2 tablespoons orange juice concentrate*
- *Steak Rub**
- *2 pounds flank steak*
- *8 (10-inch) flour tortillas, heated*
- *1/2 cup salsa*
- *2 cups shredded lettuce*

Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice and orange juice concentrate in small bowl; set aside.

Sprinkle 2 tablespoons Steak Rub (recipe follows) on each side of steak, rubbing mixture into meat. Grill over high heat or in broiler 15 minutes until medium rare or to desired doneness. Let stand 10 minutes.

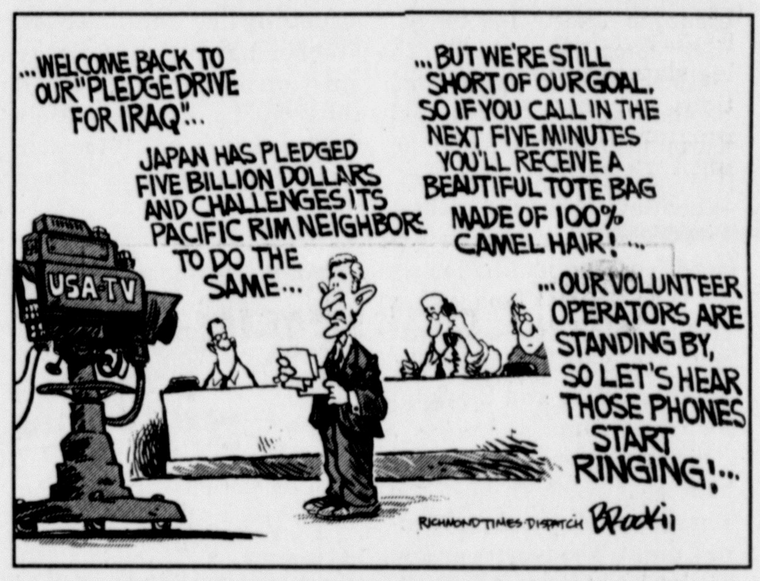
Thinly slice meat, arrange in center of each heated tortilla, dividing evenly. Top with reserved mayonnaise-citrus mixture, salsa and lettuce. Fold tortillas in half. Makes 8 servings.

*Steak Rub: In small bowl, combine 3 tablespoons brown sugar, 1 tablespoon chili powder, 1 1/2 teaspoons coarse salt and 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper.

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Comfort foods Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

Thanksgiving Time Means Pumpkin Pie

If you want to put a smile as big as a jack o' lantern on the faces of everyone sitting around your table, then whip this up promptly!

JACK O' LANTERN CHEESECAKE

- *1 (8-ounce) package fat-free cream cheese*
- *1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant butterscotch pudding mix*
- *1 (15-ounce) can solid packed pumpkin*
- *1/4 cup fat-free sour cream*
- *1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons reduced-fat biscuit baking mix*
- *2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute*
- *1 teaspoon vanilla extract*
- *1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice*
- *1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping*
- *2 tablespoons chopped pecans*

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-inch pie plate with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a large bowl, stir cream cheese with a sturdy spoon until soft. Stir in dry pudding mix, pumpkin and sour cream. Add baking mix, eggs, vanilla extract and pumpkin pie spice. Mix well to combine, using a wire whisk. Spread batter into prepared pie plate. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or just until center is firm. Place pie plate on a wire rack and allow to cool for at least 45 minutes. Spread whipped topping evenly over cooled cheesecake. Evenly sprinkle pecans over top. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Makes 8 servings.

• Each serving equals: 131 calories, 3 g fat, 7 g protein, 19 g carb., 278 mg sodium, 2 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Meat, 1/2 Fat

Call JoAnna at 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

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LETTERS from p. 7

G.E.D., and those doing okay in K-12 receiving the high school diploma. Since so many students want to quit school after 10th grade, let them do so. But let's better equip them for the outside world. Their basic skills should include computer literacy and the ability to write letters and the ability to speak before a class and be interviewed for a job.

As for shady corporate accounting, Arnold's comment, "Let's audit everything" reminds me of my 1962 experience in our state franchise tax board, auditing returns. We'd nail the individual who shorted the state by $5, but were told to ignore such errors – even big ones – if the return was prepared by a professional accounting firm such as H&R Block. I was let go because I asked "why" too many times. Does the state still lose billions this way?

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

In local government this week:

City council: port issues, railroad purchase

The West Sacramento City Council will meet tonight in public session at 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

The meeting will begin early, at 6 p.m., for a presentation of employee service awards.

Agenda items will also include a presentation of 2003 Sober Grad Night Event; consideration of accepting the Harbor Blvd. and Industrial Blvd. water transmission project; vacating the right of way on 8th St. south of F St. and G St. west of 7th; acceptance of public improvements at Pheasant Hollow; acceptance of a U.S. Dept. of Justice homeland security grant for police overtime;

Acceptance of a grant to fund "Mothers Against Drunk Driving" program; support for a League of California Cities-backed initiative protecting local government revenues from the state; personnel issues; a development agreement with Newport Estates; financing the purchase of the Clarksburg branch railroad; special tax district for Parella; application for a $400,000 grant to fund the first time homebuyer program; ordinance penalizing false alarms; Port of Sacramento land use and development plan considerations; and amendments to the municipal code.

GOLD from p. 7

Capitol. My mind filled with visions of other monuments or celebrations of ancient, present and future California that must be hidden somewhere near or taking form on drawing boards.

Much to my disappointment, an hour later when I again saw the bridge, it had turned back to pumpkin again. Not only that, a few months later it was announced that expenditures authorized by the current state budget exceeded projected tax collections by $35 billion dollars. The story goes that state government was inundated with dollars when Silicon Valley was making magic, and selling its stocks at great profit. The legislature quickly created and expanded programs to match the money. When the magic (and the cascade of money) faded or vanished, spending rapidly began to outstrip income. The legislature focused on elections, energy problems and programs, elections, rewarding political supporters, elections, congratulating itself on its perspicacity, and passing several thousand new laws.

I have looked closely at the bridge since then from time to time, but to no avail -- it always looks pumpkin. A few times I saw the bridge from about the same location at about the same time. It did seem almost as gold colored as pumpkin, but it didn't gleam or blaze with reflected sunlight. Maybe it is a once a year thing, sort of like the day each year when the legislature has to decide between discarding a multitude of still murky laws waiting to be born and closing its eyes and passing them. In any case, we will soon be approaching the time of year when the Golden Bridge appeared to me in all its glory.

If there is a bright sunny day in the middle of December, I am going to take a trip over the bridge, along I-5, and onto the Q Street off ramp to see if it really makes an annual appearance!

New town is among growth possibilities

Special to the News-Ledger

Three hundred people crowded into the Veterans Memorial Hall in Davis on Oct. 27 to participate in the Yolo County Blueprint Workshop. Residents from West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, Davis and other Yolo towns joined other interested parties in considering four different growth scenarios for the county – including the possible creation of a new town near Dunnigan.

Elected officials, including West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and council members Carolyn Castillo Pierson and Oscar Villegas and Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan were also on hand.

The "Blueprint for the Future" workshops are being held throughout the region, sponsored by Valley Vision and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. The workshops allow residents input into the types and densities of land uses in the region, including transportation, jobs-housing balance and housing choices. The workshops will continue through April 30.

For more information, visit www.sacog.org.

TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla

2004 Isuzu Axiom XS
Base price: $28,669
As tested: $31,149

This week we test drive the four-wheel-drive 2004 Isuzu Axiom, an intriguing combination of looks, comfort and impressive out-of-the-box engineering.

This midsize SUV can pull up to a fancy social function and not look out of place. At the same time, it has plenty of functional four-wheel-drive performance features that, for its price, make it quite a vehicle. The five-passenger Axiom falls in between Isuzu's smaller Rodeo and its seven-passenger Ascender.



Our tester's Excessive Red paint scheme, which Isuzu nicely complements with just the right amount of chrome, was impressive. The Axiom's front is tall and stout-looking, and the back is sharply squared off. A spoiler at the top rear helps soften the decline, and we really liked the look.

The interior is just as attractive, with a gorgeous combination of soft, light-beige leather, black composite and, again, the right splash of chrome. The great looks are accentuated by great comfort. The wide, soft seats sit very low to the floor — it's like being in a car, not an SUV. That also makes entry and exit easier.

What the interior gains in looks, however, it gives up in functionality. The six-CD changer is located in what normally is storage area in the center console. Isuzu has incorporated the emergency-brake lever into the center console area as well, taking away more space. There is hardly enough room for a cell phone.

Another oddity is that the cruise control on-off switch is on the dash to the left, while the "set" and "resume" functions are on the right-side steering column lever, as is the norm. Why are they separated?

Other interior notables on our XS model include a multi-information display in the center of the dash — an orange-lighted screen showing everything from radio tuning to outside air temperature, fuel mileage and even a calendar/service reminder; four-way power passenger seat; power moon roof; leather-wrapped steering wheel; cruise control; 60-40 split-folding, reclining rear seats; and automatic climate control.

The technology in the Axiom's 3.5-liter V-6 engine is worth talking about. Isuzu uses Direct Injection, where the fuel injectors are inside the combustion chamber, not in the intake runners. This creates an optimal fuel-to-air ratio that maximizes power, torque and fuel efficiency while lowering emissions. The resulting 250 horsepower is impressive, and the 17 mpg city and 21 mpg highway fuel ratings are acceptable for the size of the engine.

Another Isuzu technology worth noting is the Torque on Demand four-wheel-drive system. This computer-ized traction-control system gathers input from 12 areas and processes it every 20 milliseconds to predict and correct individual wheel slippage, immediately applying power where it's needed.

Yet another performance enhancement comes from the Axiom's Intelligent Suspension Control, a dual-mode suspension system that you can change with the push of a button on the center console. It can take your ride from comfort to sport to match the conditions, another indication that Isuzu went to great lengths to combine comfort and true off-road performance in this model.

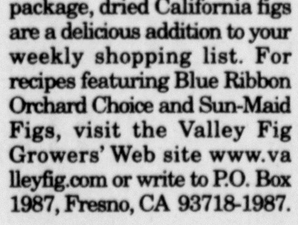
Other key mechanical features include a winter start transmission, independent double-wishbone front suspension and power-assisted, engine rpm-sensing steering.

Important numbers include a 19.5-gallon fuel tank, 4,500-pound towing capacity, maximum cargo space of 84.5 cubic feet, 106.4-inch wheelbase and 4,240-pound curb weight.

The Axiom stands up well in price and performance against tough competition from the Toyota Highlander, Buick Rendezvous, Mazda Tribute and Mitsubishi Endeavor. If it's a toss-up otherwise, you might find yourself going with the Axiom because of its great looks inside and out. We rate it a 7.5 on a scale of 10.

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Cooking Ideas



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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Bits & pieces

On to Vacaville:

Longtime West Sacramento parks and recreation director Don Schatzel has found another job, in that city to the west.

Schatzel put a lot into his job here. Local parks programs always seemed to be growing and offering more to the community. The parks department has the unfortunate position of sharing the same funding pot as the city's police and fire departments, so when the economy takes a downturn and funding dries up, the parks department tends to take more than its share of budget hits. Police and fire are always more sacred than parks.

Yet the parks department has remained vibrant and active under Schatzel's direction.

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As a pair of developers set their sights on one of the old buildings of West Sacramento's "Washington" neighborhood, in the city's northeast, local activist Jeff Henry's vision comes again to mind.

Henry proposed that the city come up with a better set of standards, or "building code," to suit the situations encountered in remodeling old buildings. It often costs too much to fix one of these buildings – even a "historic" one – under the present rules. Instead of fixing these old buildings, they are either leveled or ignored, in favor of cheaper undeveloped land in the boondocks (one cause of "urban sprawl").

More landlords and developers would improve more old buildings, and invest more in West Sacramento's rundown urban areas, if it became more feasible for them to do so, believes Henry.

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The miniseries "Gone But Not Forgotten" will air in the spring on the Hallmark channel, we are told.

That's the four-hour story relying heavily on location shooting in Sacramento and West Sacramento, with numerous scenes shot at locations such as the Welcome Grove Motel and West Sacramento's city hall.

The problem is plenty of people won't get a chance to see their hometown featured in this show because they don't get the Hallmark channel.

Perhaps the city council chambers could host a few evenings of television open to the public? The News-Ledger will bring the chips. You bring the dip.

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Guest opinion:

Looking for gold

By Bill Wright

We are approaching the time of year when in 2002 I actually saw the fabled Golden Bridge that leads over the river and sets you on the path to our Capitol. It is right at the entrance to Sacramento where West Capitol Avenue turns into the Capitol Mall and you can see the seat of state government. Like everyone else, I had thought that the Golden Bridge was just a myth and that the real bridge was pumpkin colored. Then, about ten days before last Christmas, something unexpected happened. I had gone over the Pioneer Bridge, switched to I-5, and was headed for the Q Street off ramp. It was a little after two in the afternoon on a bright, sunshiny day in the middle of December. The sun was traveling its most southerly path and was pretty much directly behind me. I looked up and there before me were two blazingly gold, massive towers -- the Tower Bridge as I had never seen it! Awesome! It was a fitting symbol of the government of the fifth richest economy in the world and an awe-inspiring entrance to the

Please see GOLD, p. 5

Letters to the Editor

Suggestions for Arnold

After government-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger takes office Nov. 17, he will have some problems, not the least of which will be the budget, public safety and education.

Regarding the budget and public safety, it's time to review that "three strikes" law that mandates one be sent to prison for 25 years even if the last two strikes are for misdemeanors like shoplifting or using a non-public restroom in an emergency. Assign public service to such people and save prison space – or mental institution space – for life terms for those who set fires like arsonists apparently did to Southern California.

Start training inmates to be better citizens upon release. Make it more like "Welfare to Work," rather than the present "No Training, $200 discharge check." No wonder our prisons have a 98 percent recidivism rate, which helps to explain why our streets are less safe than they should be and the courts are crowded. We should also cross-train the guards in correctional facilities so they don't fear loss of jobs when those released become law-abiding citizens.

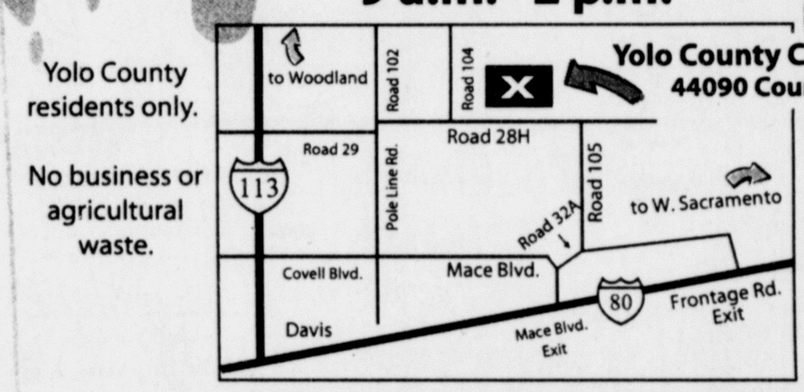
The K-12 education plan should be divided at least into K-12 and K-10, with those completing tenth grade successfully given the

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/s/Sandy Baker

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/s/Miguel A. Reyna
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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Filed Oct. 31, 2003
File No. 2003-452

The following person has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Precious Pumpkins, located at 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 10-31-03.

Kathy Ramirez, 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776; Amber Klugh, 1350 E. Oak Ave., Woodland CA 95776.

/s/Kathy Ramirez

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The following person is doing business as Precious Pumpkins, 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776:

Kathy Ramirez, 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776; Kristina Orozco, 1372 Echo Pl., Woodland CA 95776.

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The following person is doing business as United Petroleum Truck Stop, 29770 County Road 8, Dunnigan CA 95937:

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This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-7-03.

/s/Rakesh Sehgal, President
Sehgal, Inc.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 7, 2003
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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No great man ever complains of want of opportunity.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Live and let live is not enough; live and help live is not too much.
—Orion E. Madison

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Silence raises the dignity of the wise and hides the stupidity of the foolish.
—Hazrat Inayat Khan

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 9, 2003
File No. 2003-927

The following person is doing business as Sweet Dreams, 532 N. Hobson Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Stan Bailey II, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-9-03.

/s/Stan Bailey II

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 21, 2003
File No. 2003-968

The following person is doing business as SOS Trucking, 1856 Olvera Dr., Woodland CA 95776:

Steven Nixon and Susan Nixon, same address.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

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/s/Susan Nixon

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed Meier Tentative Parcel Map at 3800 Gregory Avenue in Southport. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of the subdivision of approximately 5 acres into two 2.5 acre parcels.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916-617-4645).

Any affected or interesting parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than December 2, 2003. Any affected or interested parties may also appear at the December 4, 2003 Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on December 4, 2003 in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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PUZZLES & COMICS

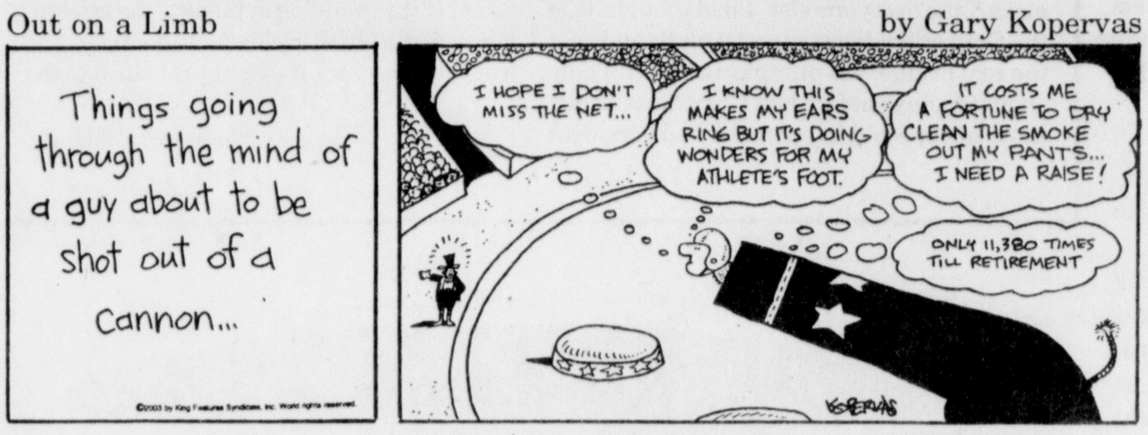
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by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

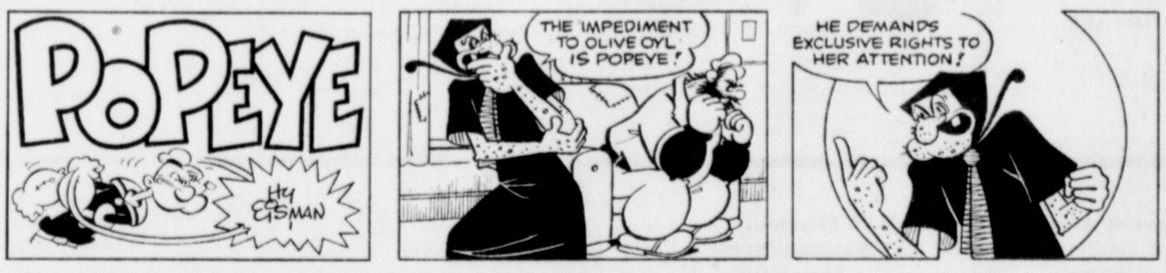
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering







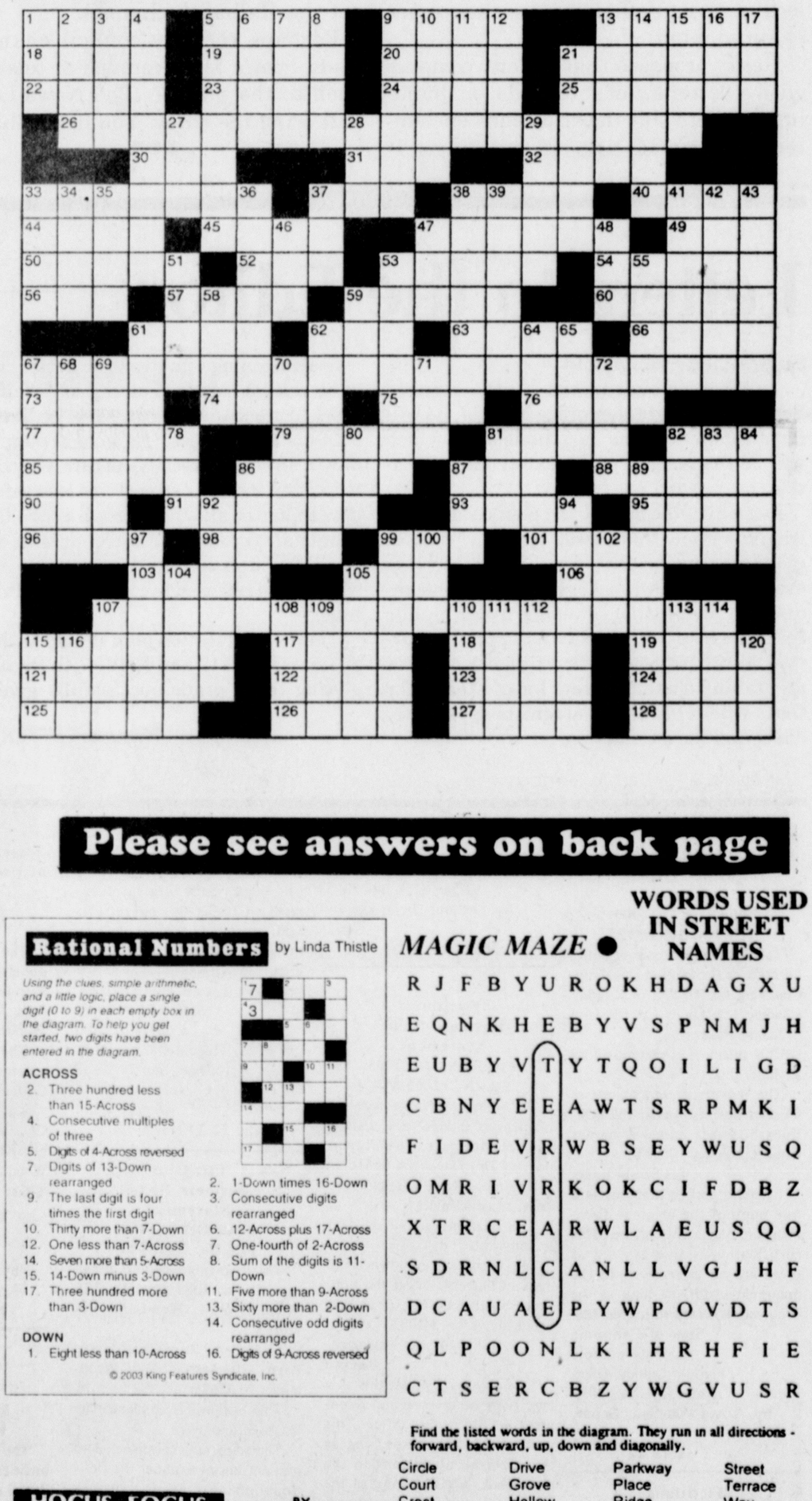


Super Crossword

FEAST WITHOUT FINISH

ACROSS
1 Drinks like a dachshund
5 Faction
9 Plays for pay
13 Macadamizes
18 Modern Mesopotamia
19 Holy headgear
20 Blow
21 Shakespearean setting
22 "Swan Lake" skirt
23 Thames town
24 Rational
25 In a macabre manner
26 Start of a remark by Linda Perret
30 Stain
31 Request
32 Famed loch
33 Part 2 of remark
37 Picnic crasher?
38 Ordered
40 Mosaic bit
44 Fiddling emperor
45 Bathday cake?
47 Yearning
49 He'll give you a squeeze
50 Pianist Gould
52 Luau instrument
53 Vice follower
54 Swerves
56 Wapiti
57 Sicilian rumbler
59 Wyeth subject
60 Kind of soup
61 Urban problem
62 Team scream
63 Isinglass
66 Liquid measure
67 Part 3 of remark
73 — Krishna
74 Parka feature
75 Take in
76 Banister
77 Racetracks
79 Onion roll
81 Office plant
82 Nile slitherer
85 58 Down, for one
86 Ladd or Lane
87 — canto
88 Scout rank
90 Vane dir.
91 A bit brisk
93 Birds of prey
95 Marble feature
96 Weaver's need
98 Mellows
99 Humongous
101 Part 4 of remark
103 Beige
105 Beige
106 Prepare to shoot
107 End of remark
115 Ooze
117 Dr. — (Austin Powers' nemesis)
118 Poverty
119 TV's "— People"
121 Kitchen implement
122 Romeo or Juliet
123 "— homo"
124 Emilia's husband
125 Llama turf
126 Just
127 — -do-well
128 Field of study

DOWN
1 Ignited
2 In — (bored)
3 Walkway
4 Military unit
5 Israeli coins
6 Savors the stuffing
7 Type of shoe
8 Basil or Morrison
9 Lend a hand
10 Metallic sound
11 Sharp taste
12 Rushed
13 Hammer parts
14 Put the cuffs on
15 — dire (oath)
16 Photographer's abbr.
17 For instance
21 Thin covering
27 Manhattan coll.
28 Jerry — Dyke
29 Tagore's homeland
33 "Picnic" playwright
34 Bear's advice
35 Arduous journey
36 "Too — Go Steady" ('56 song)
37 Fossey's friend
38 "Wild Strawberries" director
39 Descend upon
41 Michener opus
42 Poet Amy
43 Atelier items
46 Police acronym
47 Opera's Mario — Monaco
48 Sixth sense
51 Verne captain
53 Chariot or tricycle
55 Kind of pudding
58 Peter of reggae
59 Witch
61 Food fish
62 Some tires
64 Tenor Franco
65 Out of range
67 Difficult
68 Cigar city
69 Crossworder's need
70 Portable
71 Like Marvell's mistress
72 You can dig it
78 Cul-de- —
80 Some
81 Not many
82 "A Death in the Family" author
83 Lingerie item
84 School supplies
86 Unearth
87 Marsh
89 Schubert song
92 '66 Paul Newman film
94 Car part
97 Crewel tool
99 Musical Pearl
100 Hostelry
102 Baby butter
104 Circus sights
105 Sing like Sutherland
107 Wished undone
108 Architect Saarinen
109 Connecticut town
110 Actress Verdon
111 Mirror image?
112 Fairy-tale start
113 1492, e.g.
114 Wise guy?
115 Health club
116 Ford of football
120 Mauna —



Please see answers on back page

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS
2. Three hundred less than 15-Across
4. Consecutive multiples of three
5. Digits of 4-Across reversed
7. Digits of 13-Down rearranged
9. The last digit is four times the first digit
10. Thirty more than 7-Down
12. One less than 7-Across
14. Seven more than 5-Across
15. 14-Down minus 3-Down
17. Three hundred more than 3-Down

DOWN
1. Eight less than 10-Across
2. 1-Down times 16-Down
3. Consecutive digits rearranged
6. 12-Across plus 17-Across
7. One-fourth of 2-Across
8. Sum of the digits is 11-Down
11. Five more than 9-Across
13. Sixty more than 2-Down
14. Consecutive odd digits rearranged
16. Digits of 9-Across reversed

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



MAGIC MAZE

WORDS USED IN STREET NAMES

R J F B Y U R O K H D A G X U
E Q N K H E B Y V S P N M J H
E U B Y V T Y T Q O I L I G D
C B N Y E E A W T S R P M K I
F I D E V R W B S E Y W U S Q
O M R I V R K O K C I F D B Z
X T R C E A R W L A E U S Q O
S D R N L C A N L L V G J H F
D C A U A E P Y W P O V D T S
Q L P O O N L K I H R H F I E
C T S E R C B Z Y W G V U S R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Crest	Hollow	Ridge	Way
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C	P	Y	E	L	A	I	U	O	V	U	R	A
7	2	6	5	2	3	5	8	7	5	7	8	2
E	O	T	G	B	N	I	S	S	V	T	S	L
7	6	2	4	8	5	2	7	8	7	2	8	6
E	E	E	E	T	E	M	A	H	D	A	R	A
8	2	5	8	5	2	3	6	5	6	4	2	5
O	L	C	U	O	L	G	H	M	O	B	E	F
6	2	6	7	8	2	5	8	2	5	8	5	6
B	V	B	Y	G	I	O	H	A	R	H	T	Y
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CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Scary Movie 3"

Running time: 80 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

The only reason this colossal waste of time didn't receive an F score is because Anna Faris, the star of the "Scary Movie" series, is one of the funniest women in film today. Why she doesn't get more work is a mystery to me. But she should start looking now, because if she does another one of these flicks her career will be over.

The reason "Scary Movie 3" is such a dud is due to the absence of the Wayans Brothers, who created the franchise. Their replacements, director David Zucker and writer Pat Proft, try their best to turn the series into an "Airplane" or "Naked Gun" sequel. They even defrost the semi-living remains of Leslie Nielsen for this atrocity.

If you've seen the first two movies, you know the premise: Take the plots from a couple of recent movies, string 'em together and make jokes about them. "Scary Movie 3" tries lamely to weave together the plots of "Signs," "8 Mile," "The Ring" and the "Matrix" movies.

Anna Faris reprises her role as Cindy Campbell who, after watching a videotape, has only seven days to live. Within that seven days she has to conquer an evil ghost, help the president thwart an alien invasion and find love with a white rapper.

Gross humor and bad one-liners litter this film like cowpies in a pasture — and smell just as sweet. If you think



Regina Hall, Anna Faris

aliens who urinate from their fingers and say goodbye by kicking each other in the groin is funny, then this is your type of movie.

"Scary Movie 3," like its predecessors, has its share of cameos — and they're all wasted. George Carlin makes an appearance doing a riff on the Matrix architect that falls flat. Jenny McCarthy and Pam Anderson do a turn as a pair of schoolgirls, but honestly, they're both waaay too old and used-looking to be sexy or funny anymore.

Avoid this movie. Save yourself the pain.

Grade: D

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CELEBRITY extra
By Evelyn Green

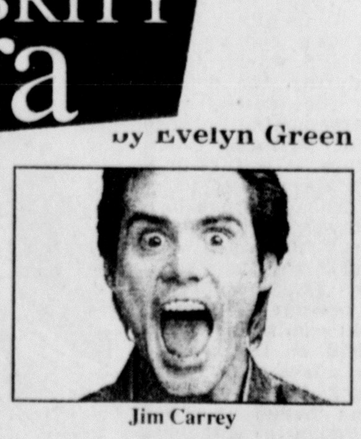
Q. Is it true that the Disney people could cancel a production they signed to do? I refer to the movie that Ben Affleck was supposed to do for them this year, and that they canceled supposedly because of bad reviews for "Gigli." Do they have that legal right? — *Nan W.*

A. I assume you're referring to the film "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past," which Affleck signed to do this winter and which Disney decided to spike, apparently because of the woeful reception from critics and moviegoers for "Gigli." Generally, studios do have the right to cancel productions if done in accordance with the terms of the contracts they have with their actors and other interested parties. Apparently, Disney believes it has this right. However, even a contract considered airtight may be contested, and many a Hollywood observer believes we may yet see this decision taken to court.

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Q. Why is Jim Carrey supposedly turning down original (projects) to do all these remakes? Can't he find writers who can come up with some new movies for him? — *Will G.*

A. According to sources, Carrey wants to do an updated version of the Lee Majors' starrer, "The Six Million Dollar Man," and the George Segal part in "Fun With Dick and Jane" (with "Mask" co-star Cameron Diaz in the Jane Fonda role). Carrey is a fan of both productions, and he feels



Jim Carrey

he can bring something new to each of them.

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Q. On "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit," is it true that Mariska Hargitay (Detective Benson) had threatened to leave if NBC didn't agree to give her father (Mickey Hargitay) a role on the show? — *Louanne C.*

A. Au contraire. Both dad and daughter had discussed with a most agreeable NBC the possibility of his coming onto the series as a guest, but neither Hargitay wanted to do it just to exploit their relationship. The role and the storyline had to be just right. And this season, they found it — and Mickey did it. (Note: As I write this, the actual airdate for the episode hadn't yet been set.)

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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YOUR AMERICA
by Amy Anderson

Thanks to Those Along the Way

Another Thanksgiving is almost upon us, and it's time for a little reflection. There has been much to be thankful for this year. If my suitcase is a little battered, it only means I have had the opportunity to take in yet another wonderful sight of this beautiful country. My car's tires might need replacing again, but that can only be because of the happy miles they spent tooling down our nation's highways and byways. Yes, there is much to be thankful for.

I'm thankful for curators and tour guides, who bring the histories of the great and small to life in museums around the country. The shepherds of art collections, celebrity birthplaces and strange memorabilia, they are tireless in their pursuit of preservation, and for that I am grateful.

I'm thankful for the fine employees of the National Park Service, who maintain our national parks in all their glory. From the Everglades to the California Redwoods, there is nothing like the peace that is to be found in nature, and a hearty handshake goes out to those who help make the experience easy and accessible.

I'm thankful for festival organizers and participants, who keep the American spirit of celebration and pride alive in small (and large) towns everywhere. For Tilt-A-Whirls and local bands, pancake breakfasts and walking tours.

I'm thankful for travel writers of all varieties, who transform my armchair into a walk across the world when I can't go there myself.

I'm thankful for a turkey named Paycheck (because nothing goes faster), who earlier this year won his town, Worthington, Minn., claim to the title Turkey Capital of the World by winning a footrace called the Great Gobbler Gallop. And I am thankful for Ruby Begonia, the turkey from Cuero, Texas, who I'm told lost the title in an effort to be polite.

I'm thankful for roadside art and hometown charm, and most especially, I'm thankful for you. Thanks for reading and happy Thanksgiving.

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- *1 package (7 ounces) chopped mixed dried fruit (1 1/4 cups)*
- *1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper*

1. Preheat oven to 325 F. Place stuffing mix in 13-by-9-inch glass baking dish.

2. In 3-quart saucepan, combine broth, margarine, fruit, pepper and 1 1/3 cups water; heat to boiling over high heat until margarine melts. Pour over stuffing mix; toss to coat.

3. Bake stuffing, uncovered, 30 to 40 minutes or until heated through and top is browned.

• Each 1/2 cup: About 165 calories, 4 g protein, 29 g carbohydrate, 4 g total fat (1 g saturated), 3 g fiber, 0 mg cholesterol, 515 mg sodium.

Editor's Note: Brands of stuffing vary. If you like a moister version, drizzle with a little extra water or chicken broth.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

THE YOLO INDEPENDENT — FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1020.

CLAIMS ALLOWED BY SUPERVISORS

The following claims were allowed by the Board of Supervisors at the regular March meeting:

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1.

Sanchez Lobiela, repairs	$106.54
L. J. S. Montgomery, brdwk	4.00
Lee Montgomery, labor	69.00
Natomas Co. of Cal. gravel	4.33
Natomas Co. of Cal. gravel	103.56
R. F. Swall, roadwork	4.00

A Grass Valley woman coughed so hard the other day she dislocated two of her ribs.

We have read and seen people laughing in their sleeves.

C. V. Reynolds was down from Tudor yesterday to spend a few days with friends in Washington.

Frank Wheat and family have rented a house at the corner of Fourth and Elizabeth streets.

A. Cordoza and family have moved to Riverbank to live.

C. C. McDonald, District Attorney of Yolo County, was a business visitor in Washington last Saturday.

In preparation for an entertainment and bazaar which the Parent-Teacher Association will give at the school March 12th, the girls of the sewing classes, together with members of the association, are making colonial costumes to be used in a colonial drill. The boys of the manual training classes are building the booths which will be used for the sale of various articles. These booths are made from willow wood which was cut down by the pupils themselves. The committee which has charge of the sale of tickets reports that more than $30 worth of tickets already have been sold.

C. A. Kiff has returned to his work after several days' sickness.

A group of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Roy Peek last Saturday in celebration of her birthday. The evening was spent with games and music. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. William Bartle, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crittenden, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Peek, Mr. and Mrs. John McNevin, iss Mabel Tuggle.

Miss Ardella Manchester and Mrs. Neville Korell spent the week-end as guests of Miss Anna Waldeck at the home of the latter at Beatrice, near Woodland.

E. O. Steiner, after a week's visit with his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Kiff, left Tuesday for Fresno.

Mrs. S. T. Rickard is ill at her home, but not seriously.

Arbor day exercises were held at the school Monday afternoon. The pupils planted two trees purchased from money raised at a recent dance.

YOUNG LADIES WILL GIVE BENEFIT FOR FATHER MARCUCCI

To help along a good cause and particularly Father Macucci, the members of Grace Institute, Y. L. I. No. 17, will give a vaudeville entertainment in the Town Hall on some date in April after Easter.

The date has not yet been selected because extra preparations are being made to put on a good show.

Three years ago the Y. L. I. gave a benefit of a similar character to help the late Father Wallrath when the church was being built. That event was a wonderful success and will be remembered by many residents.

Any talent the young ladies may not be able to supply for the coming entertainment will be borrowed from the professionals in Sacramento.

Father Marcucci is working along steadfastly to keep above water and does not hesitate to don overalls when hard work demands his labor. He has planted all the church lot to potatoes and is praying for more rain to bring a good crop.

CHRISTIANSON MAY RECOVER FROM SEVERE INJURY

Last Monday afternoon in the vicinity of Isleton Chris Christenson, employed on Pankost Barge 5, strained himself so seriously that since then his life has hung by a thread.

Lifting a heavy plank it appears as though the organs contained in the thorax sank lower, the heart being especially lowered.

He rode a stage from Isleton to Sacramento while in that condition, and for most of the way had to sit on the door because all seats were taken by Japanese.

Engaged to marry Miss Theresa Potter for more than a year, he asked her on his arrival in Sacramento that the ceremony be prepared immediately so that in case of his death she might become his beneficiary. She consented, after a physician pronounced his case hopeless.

Mrs. Christianson has nursed him back to health with the probability he will entirely recover.

Christianson's organs are slowly returning to their natural position and his young bride is doing everything in her power to help him to recovery.

He was covered by the compensation insurance carried by nearly all employers of labor.

INCREASED TRACKAGE FOR SACRAMENTO NORTHERN CAR FACILITIES

With the view of further increasing the service to the shipping public of Sacramento, the Sacramento Northern will begin work next week on another new siding in West Sacramento, about a half mile in length, J. B. Rowry, general manager of the road, stated yesterday.

Mr. Rowry stated that the siding would be used to facilitate the handling of freight cars coming in from that direction and would provide more space during the busy shipping season for the various industries in West Sacramento.

If the amount of business will justify the expenditure, it is further planned to build an elevator at the company's new pierhead opposite the city wharves, Rowry said. This work was done for the purpose of relieving the congestion on the east side of the river, he explained, and the company is at present prepared to handle any freight coming in over its lines for shipment on the river. The erection of an elevator would therefore mean that freight could be unloaded as well as loaded at this point. Something definite will be given out later concerning this, he said.

PALATIAL HOME IS PURCHASED BY RICE MILL MANAGER

T. J. Garvey, manager of the California State Rice Milling Company, which owns one of the large rice mills in West Sacramento, has just purchased a handsome residence in Sacramento. The home is located on Twenty-third street, between T and U. It was sold by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown. It is one of the attractive homes in Sutter Terrace Park, and was built about ten years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Brown. The purchase price of the home has not been made public, but, judging by present valuations, the home is worth approximately $20,000.

Mr. Garvey came to Sacramento about two years ago the California State Rice g Co. decided to locate h- -intend-

A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN ROAD BUILDING BEFORE YOLO SUPERVISORS

Woodland, March 11.—That the Board of Supervisors is determined to give Yolo County the best possible road, at a minimum of cost is best detailed in the following paragraph from the resolution unanimously adopted late yesterday afternoon, when all bids for the construction of the nine mile unit from Coil's corner to Knights Landing were rejected, with the understanding that new bids will be called for at an early date:

Resolved, and ordered by this board that all bids heretofore submitted to the board for construction of the said road be, and they are hereby rejected, and that a committee be appointed, to consist of each and every member of the board, to consult with the County Engineer of Yolo County for the purpose of determining and reporting to the board which type of road provided for in the plans and specifications will be most expedient for this board to construct, and whether the work should be done by day laabor, and whether it can be done with the funds available, and also whether it would be more expedient for the board to re-advertise for bids for construction of said road by day work or require the County Engineer to redraught said plans and specifications so as to permit construction of said road to be done more cheaply and within the available funds.

Said committee to confer with the County Engineer and District Attorney on aforesaid matter and report their findings to this board in special session assembled at the County Courthouse of Yolo County, California, Tuesday, March 16, 1920.

TONIGHT'S SHOW AT SCHOOL PROMISES MUCH NOVELTY

There will be something new and novel in the entertainment to be given at the public school building to-night by the Parent-Teacher Association.

Extra preparations have been made to make the show something out of the ordinary.

The children will take part in a Colonial drill for which special costumes have been prepared and as nearly all the kiddies will take part the showing should be splendid.

The boys of the manual training class have built booths of rustic willow that will be decorated and wherein sweetmeats and novelties will be sold.

These booths are samples of handiwork that are a credit to the boys.

Various committees of the Parent-Teachers will be on hand to guide the affair to a success and judging by the great number of tickets sold the entertainment will long be remembered as a dainty classy affair, entirely out of the ordinary.

BEAN GROWERS WILL CELEBRATE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Officials of the California Bean Growers' Association announce that a meeting of the organization will be held in Sacramento on March 17, at 2 p. m., in the Board of Supervisors hall at the Courthouse.

The object of the meeting is to give the growers of the valley an opportunity to get acquainted with the officials and to secure a better spirit of co-operation among all interested in the future of the bean growing industry in California. Plans for the coming year will be discussed with special emphasis on the best means of marketing crops.

G. V. Mendenshall, President of the Association, will be the principal speaker at the meeting.

The Sacramento Bee is encouraging the women of the town to wear less clothes by publishing articles that go to show cancer can be avoided by going naked.

Here is a chance for the church federation to use its wasting energies.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No.: 7906L

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name, business address of the seller is: Do Young Sung and Sang Sook Sung, 4657 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605, Doing Business as: Eppies Restaurant (Type – Restaurant).

All other business names and addresses used by the seller within the past three years, as stated by the seller, are: NONE.

The names and address of the buyers are: Jay C. Lee and Hae R. Lee, 1301 Shoreway Road, Suite 124, Belmont, CA 94002.

The assets being sold are generally described as: all stock in trade, furniture, fixtures, equipment and goodwill, and are located at: 4657 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605.

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of Capitol City Escrow, Inc. – 3838 Watt Avenue, Suite F-610, Sacramento, CA 95821 and the anticipated sale date is December 2, 2003.

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Capitol City Escrow, Inc., 3838 Watt Avenue, Suite F-610, Sacramento, CA 95821.

THIS BULK SALE INCLUDES A LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER. ALL CLAIMS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE IS RECEIVED BY ESCROW AGENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL.

Dated: October 22, 2003
Buyer:
/s/Jay C. Lee
/s/Hae R. Lee
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-957

The following person is doing business as Chroma Salon, 1059 Court St., Suite 118, Woodland CA 95776:

Christina E. Martin, 6 Plane Ave., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Christina Martin

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 17, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to CA. Bus. and Prof. Code 21700 et seq. Harbor Self Storage, 541 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento, California will for the purpose of satisfying lien for storage, sell at public auction at 09:45 AM the 20th day of November, 2003, the contents storage spaces named below, which consists of dirt bike, electric boat motor, piano, (2) wheel chairs, misc. personal property, household, garage & lawn equipment, misc. boxes & garbage bags of clothing and bedding.

Terms and inspection prior to sale.

A-28 Marjorie Lewis, B-06 Bernice Langlinais, E-30 Leona Baggage, I-13 Adeline Johnson, K-03 Lindsay R. Santana, K-16 Timi Kegel, K-34 Teresa Palomino, K-47 Holly S. Allen, L-14 Robert A. Klopotek.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 21, 2003
File No. 2003-970

The following person is doing business as Crop til ya' Drop, 1554 Limewood Rd., West Sac., CA 95691:

Nadine Zalutka, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Nadine Zalutka

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Date: Oct. 21, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-955

The following person is doing business as Document Fulfillment Services, 1600 Raley Court, #30, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

BIT California, LLC, 6955 Sierra Ct., #204, Dublin, CA 94568.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/BIT California, LLC, by /s/ Steven Shill, Manager

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 17, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 10, 2003
File No. 2003-932

The following person is doing business as Kay's Body Shop Inc., R&K Septic and Tractor Service, 3080 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Richard L. Holland and Vivian K. Holland, 3080 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/03.

/s/Richard Lynn Holland, President
/s/Vivian K. Holland, Vice President

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State of California
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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 10, 2003
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FBN No: 2002-947

The following person has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Service Team of Professionals of Davis, located at 1205 L Street, Davis CA 95616.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 22 Nov. 2002.

David Hill, 1205 L St., Davis CA 95616.

This business was conducted by .

/s/David Hill

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By: /s/Linda Smith
Date: Oct. 22, 2003

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 6, 2003
File No. 2003-911

The following person is doing business as Capay Valley Florist, 16915 Yolo Ave., Esparto CA 95627:

Anna McNamara, 26821 Madison St., Esparto CA 95627.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Anna McNamara

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Date: Oct. 6, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 24, 2003
File No. 2003-977

The following person is doing business as Family Barber Shop, 117 W. Main St., Woodland CA 95695:

Vicki L. Thompson, 331 Redwing Dr., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/27/03. Previous fictitious business name number: 98-647.

/s/Vicki L. Thompson

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by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on November 19, 2003, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt Ordinance 03-13 adding Chapter 8.11 to the Municipal Code for the purpose of reducing the occurrence of false alarms and regulating the installation and operation of alarm systems within the city.

Nov 12

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, December 9, 2003** for the:

Park Boulevard, Alabama Avenue & West Capitol Avenue Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work consists of the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer main by the installation of a pipe liner into the exiting gravity sewer line, sealing sanitary sewer lateral connections at the main, internally reinstating lateral services, and sealing sanitary sewer manholes. The work shall also include pre-cleaning and video inspection of sanitary sewer main; installation of a sanitary sewer manhole and flushing inlet; possible spot repairs along sanitary sewer main; possible lining of service laterals and all related components necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract plans and/or specified herein. In addition, the work shall also include the replacement of any pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter or public and private improvements removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract, as well as, all necessary traffic control.

First order of work shall be all work identified on sheets 3, 4 and 5 of the Contract Plans and specified herein regarding Park Boulevard. The work, to be completed within twenty-five (25) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed, consists of the placement of a folded and formed polyvinyl chloride (PVC) liner into the exiting gravity sewer line, sealing sanitary sewer lateral connections at the main, internally reinstating lateral services, and sealing sanitary sewer manholes. The work shall also include pre-cleaning and video inspection of sanitary sewer main; installation of a sanitary sewer manhole and flushing inlet; possible spot repairs along sanitary sewer main and all related components necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract plans and/or specified herein.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within **sixty-five (65)** working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed. First order of work shall be all work identified on sheets 3, 4 and 5 of the Contract Plans and specified herein regarding Park Boulevard. All first order of work as identified on the Contract plans and/or specified herein shall be completed within twenty-five (25) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids. Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Construction License: The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "A" General Engineering or a Class "C-34" Pipeline** Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City. The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work. It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• All the portraits on paper currency in the United States today are of men. This wasn't always so, however; Martha Washington possesses the distinction of being the only woman who has been depicted on U.S. paper currency. Her portrait was on $1 silver certificates in 1886, 1891 and 1896.

• When asked about his technique for writing, author P.G. Wodehouse said, "I just sit at a typewriter and curse a bit."

• The Kitchen Project, an organization dedicated to "sharing the joys of cooking and dining with others," has determined that the most popular cookie in America is chocolate chip. Their researchers say that half the cookies baked at home in the United States are chocolate chip, and 7 billion of them are eaten every year.

• At the age of 21, Al Capone, who later in life became a famous gangster, worked as a bookkeeper for $3 per week.

• Ever wonder where the English word "ransack" came from? It was Iceland. In Old Icelandic, "rannsaka" meant "to search the house." When Scandinavian raiders plundered England, the victims were left with that word to describe their misfortune (and weren't left with much else). Incidentally, in the 1600s, "ranshackled," from the same root word, came to be used to describe a messy condition left from searching or pillaging; this eventually evolved into our modern word "ramshackle."

Police log

Nov. 7, 6:53 a.m.
An officer took a report of a car stolen from the 1800-block of West Capitol.

Nov. 7, 9:20 a.m.
Somebody entered a building under construction and took two 100-pound table saws and two drills.

Nov. 7, 10:20 a.m.
A burglar entered a garage on Allan Ave. and then got into a safe. The safe had nothing in it to begin with.

Nov. 7, 8:32 p.m.
A Williams St. resident reported that a 31-year old parolee not allowed on the premises was present. Officers searched the backyard and found the suspect hiding. The suspect was intoxicated and resisted arrest. His parole agent placed a hold on him, and the suspect was booked.

Nov. 7:30 a.m.
A shooting was reported. A man was found with a gunshot wound to his head under circumstances that seemed to point to suicide. Detectives investigated. The man was hospitalized but not expected to live.

Nov. 8, noon
A three-day old infant was placed into protective custody because the baby's mother abused alcohol and drugs and was violent. The mother's other three children were already in protective custody.

Nov. 8, 5:03 p.m.
Near Sacramento Ave. and Bryte Ave., an officer responded to the report of a female throwing rocks at passing cars. She appeared to be under the influence of drugs, and was arrested.

Nov. 8, 5:10 p.m.
Officers responded to the report of a man with a gun at a Todhunter apartment complex. The man was not found at his address. 90 minutes later, officers responded to a 911 call at a nearby apartment. That car turned out to be unfounded, but someone next door reported that the original suspect had "crashed" a party at her place, but she kicked him out when she noticed a gun tucked into his waistband as he was dancing there. The suspect was not located.

Nov. 8, 8:12 p.m.
An officer took a report of identity theft. A victim's credit card was being used by someone else even before she knew it was missing.

Nov. 8, 8:19 p.m.
On the 1200-block of West Capitol, an officer took a report that a purse was stolen from a shopper's cart when the shopper had turned her back on the cart holding it.

Nov. 8, 9:26 p.m.
A man told police that he had been approached by a male and female who demanded money. When he said he had none, they punched and kicked him and knocked him to the ground, where he hit his head on railroad tracks. The injury required stitches.

Nov. 9, 1:23 a.m.
An officer responded to a Sacramento gas station. The man said he had been walking in West Sacramento on West Capitol Ave. when a van pulled up next to him. A man exited the van and pointed a handgun at him, forcing the victim inside. He was robbed by the man and two female suspects of jewelry and his wallet before being released.

Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
Police were dispatched to a West Capitol address for a fight between two brothers. A 24-year old man admitted fighting with his brother and then having three beers. Neither wished to press charges. The 24-year old was hostile, smelled heavily of alcohol and appeared unable to use good judgment. He was arrested.



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Local Scene

History society

'Reminisces of West Sacramento's agricultural past' will be featured at the Tuesday, Nov. 18, meeting of the West Sacramento Historical Society at the Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Ave., from 6:30-8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Phyllis Iwasaki, whose family was among the Japanese-Americans in the local farming community. The public is invited.

College info

River City High School will offer college information to freshmen, sophomores and juniors at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 12, in the school library. Students and parents are invited to learn more about requirements for two-year and four-year colleges.

RCHS beautification

A "beautification day" for the River City High School campus is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8-1. Students can earn community service hours. Community members are invited to help with the clean-up and beautification. Call Pat Sulpizio, 371-4075, for more information.

4-H Club

The monthly community meeting for the West Sacramento 4-H Club has been changed to Wed., Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Arthur Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. The club is for children age 5-19 and offers citizenship lessons, community service and hands-on projects. Call 371-6412 for more information.

Art guild

The West Sacramento Art Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Nov. 18 at Yolo High School, 920 Westacre Road. Park on Willow Street and enter between Yolo High and Marshall Preschool. The public is welcome. Call 371-3744 for information.

Interfaith Thanksgiving

The Interfaith group will hold its Thanksgiving services at Holy Cross Church on Wed., Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., 1321 Anna Street. For more information, call 371-8804.

Diabetes

A monthly diabetes support group meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon on Wed, Nov. 12, at Salud Clinic, 500B Jefferson Blvd., #180, in West Sacramento. No cost; sponsored by CommuniCare Health Centers Community Health Education Outreach Program. The group welcomes those with diabetes as well as their friends and family.

Raise Dickens

"Dickens in the Valley," a holiday home tour presented by Friends of Meals on Wheels, will return Sat., Dec. 6, as a fundraiser to benefit the meal program for homebound seniors. There will be a tour of at least six beautiful Woodland homes dressed up in holiday splendor. Tickets are $25. Call (530) 662-7035.

'Fly-in'

The public is invited to the annual radio control 'fly-in' of the Woodland Davis Aeromodelers at Mavis Henson Flying Field, 20179 C.R. 102 (Pole Line Road) south of Woodland. The event lasts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 15, and 9-3 on Sunday, weather permitting. Please bring a new toy or $10; contributions will go to the Marine Reserve unit in Woodland for distribution to benefit needy children during the holidays.

Coats wanted

Donations of new or gently-used coats and socks are needed to help needy children in the area. Call the Volunteer Connection, a "Hands Together Program," at (530) 661-6636 to find a donation location near you.

Suicide support group

Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services of Yolo County will begin its "Friends and Family of Suicide Loss" support group for adults, meeting eight Wednesday evenings beginning Nov. 12 at the Suicide Prevention business office in Davis. No fee. Call (530) 756-7542 for information or to register.

Crab feed

The Alzheimers Aid Society will host its annual crab feed in memory of Joey Lopes on Sat., Nov. 15, beginning at 6 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Sacramento. There will be dining, music and dancing, along with a raffle. Donations or raffle prizes are welcome. Call 371-3549 for tickets or information.

Health award

The Salud Clinic Advisory Board is requesting nominations for the annual John Siden Award, given to someone who has given outstanding service in a health-related field or has otherwise contributed significantly to the health and welfare of the West Sacramento community. For information on criteria and making a nomination, call 375-6340.

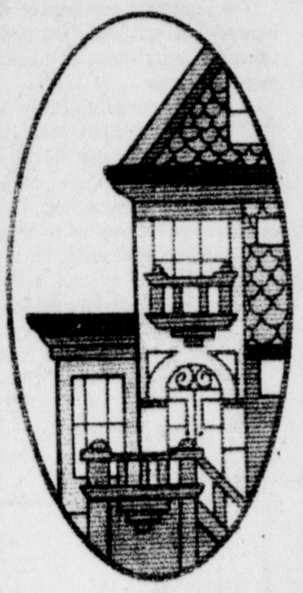
Golden Years Club

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will have a catered Thanksgiving dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever Street, at 6 p.m. on Nov. 18. For tickets or information, call 371-8479.

Basketball

Signups are being accepted for the city parks department's youth basketball league, called the Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA. Games are played weekends, with weekday practices. Age categories from 5-13. $45 per player includes jersey and award. Entry deadline is Dec. 5. Player evaluation is scheduled for Dec. 6 at Golden State Middle School, and all players and coaches must attend. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call 617-4620.

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Children's author visits Thurs.

The Yolo County Library, Arthur F. Turner Branch in West Sacramento, invites everyone to come and meet local children's author Susan Briton on Thursday, November 13, at 4 p.m.

Britton will be visiting the library in celebration of Children's Book Week.

After her presentation there will be time for questions and answers. Refreshments will also be served after the program.

The East Yolo Friends of the Library will sponsor the event. Turner Branch is located at 1212 Merkley Avenue. For more information, call 375-6465.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

I received an unusual question from two people who identifed themselves as the parents of a young man in the military who expects to be sent to Iraq later this year. He and his wife have agreed that he should deposit a sperm sample with a local clinic's sperm bank before he leaves the country in case he is either killed during his tour of duty or his reproductive system is adversely affected either through physical or chemical trauma.

My correspondents say their son and daughter-in-law have asked them to help them pay the annual storage fee, which comes to about $250. They say they're willing to do so, but want to know if the Department of Defense might have a program to freeze and store these samples at no cost either to service personnel or their families.

The only information I have is that when military men began making these deposits earlier this year after President Bush indicated we were close to moving on Iraq, some clinics agreed they wouldn't charge either for the freezing process or the storage as their way of showing support for the troops. I've since been told that some clinics still do not charge and others do. I guess the best thing is to ask them what their policy is.

I'm also told that the DOD does not pay storage fees.

If anyone has more information on this topic, please send it to me, and I'll share it with everyone else.

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Books

The Bride of Catastrophe
By Heidi Jon Schmidt
(Picador, $24)
Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

With two prize-winning collections of short stories under her belt, Heidi Jon Schmidt had a lot to live up to with her highly anticipated first novel. "The Bride of Catastrophe" is just the novel to quench the thirst of her devoted readers. Schmidt has created a book filled with characters as quirky and endearing as those in her short stories.

"The Bride of Catastrophe" takes us on the journey of Beatrice, a freshman in college who grew up poor on a Connecticut farm in the late 1960s and early '70s. All her life, she has known homemade shampoo, torn old T-shirts for menstrual pads and an old farmhouse deteriorating before her eyes (and under her feet!). This farmhouse might as well have a neon sign above it shining the words "Metaphor for Beatrice's Parents' Marriage," but perhaps Schmidt intended this.

The farm was bought on a whim by her mother, who wished her family to live like one right out of a book: raising animals, crops and children, and scraping by with their love and wit. Instead, her mother sucks the family down her own vortex of despair and fantasy, driving Beatrice away to college where she can begin to live her own life — like a normal person.

Beatrice is thrust into college and a cultural movement she never knew existed. She discovers literature, modernist movies and sex. With the help of her teacher and adviser, Phillipa, she discovers her way on a street filled with misplaced and misnamed road signs.

"The Bride of Catastrophe" is a nostalgic look back at the '70s: the social culture, the rise of feminism and lesbianism, the Republican revulsion and a new pride in one's own sense of self. Schmidt's sheltered Beatrice embodies a wide-eyed innocence that quickly turns to skepticism as Beatrice becomes a modern adult.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.
—John Locke

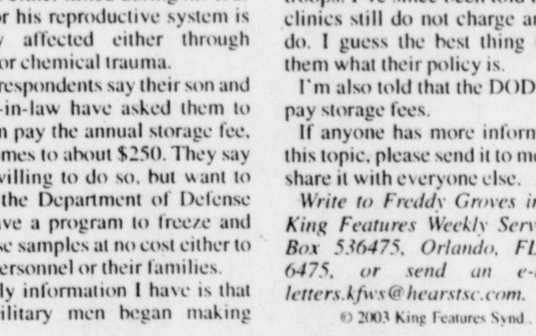
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Time will discover everything to posterity; it is a babbler, and speaks even when no question is put to it.
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Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers

1. Dick Stuart of the Boston Red Sox.
2. Charlie Gehringer was 34 when he hit .371 in 1937.
3. Punter Tom Skladany (1974-76).
4. He won 25 playoff series.
5. Joe Nieuwendyk, Mike Keane, Gordon Pettinger, Al Arbour, Larry Hillman and Claude Lemieux.
6. Troy Ruttman was 22 when he won in 1952.
7. False. The opposite is true, although Edberg has been nominated for induction in 2004.

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Rational Numbers
answers

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7	5	3		1

Differences: 1. Goalpost is black. 2. Boy has baseball glove. 3. Part of fence is missing. 4. Tree is different. 5. Boy has a helmet. 6. Shoe is different.

